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1. WE CONCUR IN ELIMINATING ASSISTANT REVENUE SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (ARSR) ROME FOR REASSIGNMENT TO PARIS. WE RECOMMEND POSITION NUMBER PIT 001060600100A BE USED FOR THIS REASSIGNMENT. WE RECOMMEND FURTHER THAT ARSR POSITION NUMBER PIT 00106060040A ALSO BE ASSIGNED TO PARIS OR ELIMINATED.

2. REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES OF IRS/ROME JUST COMPLETED HAS COVERED A) NEED FOR EXTENSIVE TRAVEL WITHIN THEIR AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON PERSONAL CONTACTS IN ITALY, GREECE, AND ISRAEL, B) IMPORTANCE OF THE TAXPAYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, ESPECIALLY IN ITALY WHERE SIX TO SEVEN THOUSAND TAXPAYERS RECEIVE ASSISTANCE THROUGHOUT EACH YEAR, AND C) FIELD AND OFFICE AUDITS, AGAIN LARGELY IN ITALY WHERE SIX HUNDRED TAXPAYERS' RETURNS WERE REVIEWED IN FY 1977. THE IRS OFFICE IS ALSO SUPPORTING THE TREASURY ATTACHE'S EFFORTS TO ASSIST THE ITALIAN TAX

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AUTHORITIES IN ESTABLISHING SOME NEW ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES FOR THEIR TAX AUDIT EXAMINATION PROGRAM. ALTHOUGH THE SUPPORT GIVEN BY THE IRS OFFICE DOES NOT INVOLVE A SUBSTANTIAL COMMITMENT OF TIME, THE AVAILABILITY OF IRS EXPERTISE LOCALLY IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE OVERALL PROGRAM. THE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HAS ALREADY RESULTED IN A FIRST

VISIT OF TOP-LEVEL ITALIAN TAX OFFICIALS TO IRS/WASHINGTON.

3. SINCE TREASURY/IRS HAS INDICATED (PARA 2, REFTEL A) THAT IRS/ROME HAS A NORMAL WORKLOAD AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO ANY EXTRAORDINARY COMMITMENTS, AND SINCE WE HAVE ALSO NOW LEARNED THAT TREASURY/IRS ASSIGNS AN OFFICER FROM WASHINGTON ON TDY HERE EVERY SIX MONTHS ON A CONTINUING BASIS, WE BELIEVE THAT IRS/ROME SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES REQUIRED WITH A STAFF OF TWO U.S. PERSONNEL.

4. THE PRESENT OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF IRS/ROME (RSR IS ON HOME LEAVE) DOES NOT AGREE WITH THE ABOVE JUDGMENT. WE BELIEVE THEREFORE THAT IT IS INCUMBENT ON TREASURY/IRS TO JUSTIFY IN FULL TO DEPARTMENT A NEED FOR MORE THAN TWO AMERICANS PLUS WHAT AMOUNTS TO PERMANENT TDY ASSIGNMENTS IN ROME.

5. DEPARTMENT SHOULD INFORM TREASURY/IRS OF EMBASSY ROME'S FRESH RECOMMENDATION TO RELEASE ONE AND POSSIBLY TWO IRS POSITIONS TO PARIS OR TO RELEASE ONE POSITION TO PARIS AND ELIMINATE A SECOND, IN EITHER EVENT RETAINING ONLY TWO AMERICAN IRS POSITIONS IN ROME. IF APPROVED, WE RECOMMEND PHASING OUT THE TWO IRS POSITIONS IDENTIFIED IN PARA. 1 BY SUMMER 1978. GARDNER

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